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MEMORANDUM

TO: INR/IC - Ed Lundstrom

FROM: EAP - Jim Lilley

SUBJECT: Request for Study on South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone

Background

EAP bureau requests that the CIA prepare a study on the possible reactions from certain countries to U.S. response to the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty under one of several possible options outlined below.

Since there is great pressure at the highest levels to arrive at an inter-agency decision on the Treaty, we would like to have this information not later than September 26. We have already spoken to Carl Ford on this subject, and he has offered to perform the study once we formally request it.

Issues for the study

We need to determine, to the extent possible, reactions from countries or groups of countries to one of several policy options the U.S. might adopt in reaction to the SPNFZ Treaty. Possible Soviet behavior should also be analyzed.

o Countries

France
Australia
Pacific Island countries
ASEAN members
Japan
Soviet Union
other nuclear weapons states

o Policy options

-- The U.S. accedes to all three protocols and publicly supports continued French nuclear testing.

-- The U.S. rejects all three protocols.

-- The U.S. accedes to one or two of the protocols and continues to study the other protocols.

-- The U.S. defers all action but does not reject any of the protocols.

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